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MANUFACTURED MAJOR LONG BONE RING  
IMPLANT SHAPED TO CONFORM TO A  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action of December 17, 2007, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 35 of this paper.

Amendment After Final 02-19-08